

MEETING OF
THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, Delaware, May 15, 2013, with the following members in attendance:

Robert F. Garey, Chairman
William Vanderwende, Vice Chairman
L. Allen Messick, Jr., Treasurer
William H. "Chip" Narvel, Jr., Secretary
Theodore P. Bobola, Jr.

Kevin Coyle representing Collin O'Mara, Secretary of DNREC
Ed Kee, Secretary of Agriculture
Barbara Bennett representing Chip Flowers, Jr., State Treasurer
Peter Martin, Forestry Council Chairman
Robert Emerson

The following staff members were in attendance: Austin Short, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, and Chief of Planning, Howard Mesick, Milton Melendez, Scott Blaier, Cathy Mesick, Ashley Spangler, and Robin West.

Others in attendance: F. Michael Parkowski, and Mr. John Watson representing Garrison Energy.

Chairman Garey opened the meeting at 8:28 a.m.

I. Current Situation Report:

Robin West informed the Board that we have a total of 1,116 farms in preservation districts totaling 157,693 acres, with a total of 755 farms under agricultural easements totaling 111,025 acres at a cost of \$198,975,844. For PDR 18, there are a total of 107 farms, comprising 10,164 acres, with a value of \$59,747,386. For the Forestland Preservation Program there are 37 Forestland Preservation Areas comprising 2,711 acres. For the Forestland Preservation Area Easements, there are a total of 9 properties, comprising 872 acres, with a value of \$1,450,804. For the Young Farmers Program there are a total of 14 Young Farmers program loans which have settled, with an easement value of \$5,083,918. For the third Young Farmers round there are seven farms being considered comprising 657 acres with an estimated value of \$1,950,000.

II. Young Farmers Report

Austin Short informed the Board that he would be discussing the third Young Farmers round properties further into the meeting under the listing for it in the agenda. Mr. Short had nothing to add to the report of Robin West concerning Young Farmers, and informed the Board that he is receiving several calls every week concerning the Young Farmers Program.

III. Monitoring Report:

Milton Melendez informed the Board that there would be no report this meeting as the Federal properties were still being processed. A monitoring report would be delivered at the June Foundation meeting.

IV. Expansion Eligibility & Final Approval (Contingent Sales):

1. F & C Hrupsa Expansion of the Simpson Farms District, ID#K-13-03-072H After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval contingent upon sale, the F & C Hrupsa Expansion of the Simpson Farms District, seconded by Ed Kee. Motion unanimously approved.**
2. Teatown Farm Expansion #1 of the Stayton's District, ID#S-13-03-205Q. After discussion, **Chip Narvel, Jr. moved to accept for eligibility/final approval, contingent upon sale, the Teatown Farm Expansion of the Stayton's District, seconded by William Vanderwende. Motion unanimously approved.**
3. Teatown Farm Expansion #2 of the Stayton's District, ID#K-13-03-205R. After discussion, **Ed Kee moved to accept for eligibility/final approval, contingent upon sale, the Teatown Farm Expansion of the Stayton's District, seconded by Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

V. Expansion Eligibility & Final Approval:

1. Pinepitch Farm Expansion of the Vogl District, ID#K-12-12-0412M. After discussion, **Chip Narvel, Jr. moved to accept for eligibility/final approval, contingent upon the change of title on one parcel in the expansion so that all parcels are under the same form of title, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**
2. B & T Gehman Expansion of the Ledenham-Vanderwende District, ID#S-12-07-150N. After discussion, **Ed Kee moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the B & T Gehman Expansion of the Ledenham-Vanderwende District, seconded by Chip Narvel, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

VI. Secretary of Agriculture's Veto:

Secretary of Agriculture Ed Kee previously waived the right of veto for the above Expansions.

VII. Public Comments:

No public comments were received.

VIII. Minutes:

Chairman Garey asked if there were any comments or changes to the April 17, 2013 minutes. Hearing no changes, the Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **William Vanderwende moved to approve the April minutes, seconded by Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

IX. Financial Highlights:

Howard Mesick presented the Financial Statement for the month of April 30, 2013, informing the Foundation Board that we had, as of April 30, 2013, \$ 24,815.93 in the Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account. Interest income was \$10.34, and license plate monies received in April totaled \$315. Expenditures for the month of April totaled \$21,521.87. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept the April financial statement as presented, seconded by Ed Kee. Motion unanimously approved.**

X. Executive Session:

The Chairman indicated that there was a need for an Executive Session. **Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Robert Emerson. Motion unanimously approved.** The Executive Session started 8:45 a.m.

The Executive Session ended at 9:05 a.m. **Allen Messick, Jr. moved to go out of Executive Session, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

XI. Young Farmers Program – Round 3 Applications:

Discussion centered on one Round 3 application from the Bonniwell family. After discussion, **Allen Messick, Jr. moved to accept the Bonniwell application for consideration of a Young Farmers Loan. Motion seconded by Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

XII. Other Business:

1. Schiff-Clothier Expansion of the Edgewater Farms District, ID#K-96-12-116A. Garrison Energy Request for Utility Pole "Right of Way" Easement. Mr. Scott Blaier introduced Mr. John Watson representing Garrison Energy. Mr. Watson presented the request for the easement and answered

questions from the Board. Mr. Watson assured the Board that there would be very little if no interference with the farming operation. After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to approve the request for a Utility Pole “Right-of-Way” Easement, motion seconded by Chip Narvel, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

2. Harper-McCabe Expansion of the Collins Acres District, ID#S-96-11-065F-1. DelDOT request for an easement access to maintain a culvert and bridge. Mr. Scott Blaier presented this request for an easement to the Board. Mr. Blaier informed the Board that there would be no agricultural impacts associated with the easement. After discussion, **Chip Narvel, Jr. moved to accept the request for an easement to maintain a culvert and bridge, seconded by Robert Emerson. Motion unanimously approved.**

XIII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Foundation the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on June 19, 2013 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Garey
Chairman